

FEBRUARY 2022 PROGRAMS

Public programs are free however, parking fees are collected year-round to support park operations. Purchase day passes for \$8 MA license plate, \$30 out of-state-plate with MC/VISA at pay & display machines or use the YODEL website: massdcrparks.yodelpass.com for daily and annual digital park pass purchase. Free WiFi (MassIT-Public) at the Visitor Center. NO CASH SALES. Advance purchase of passes does not guarantee parking availability.

Face coverings required indoors per Concord Health Department. Please follow all current COVID guidelines: [Mass.gov/COVID](https://www.mass.gov/covid). Children must be accompanied by a supervising adult. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. **No dogs allowed on park premises year-round.**

All organized group visitations require advanced reservations. To arrange group visitation: walden.programs@mass.gov or (978)405-2082.


During warm weather and holidays, the park closes frequently, to protect the resource. Check park hours and capacity closure status updates on [twitter@waldenpondstate](https://twitter.com/waldenpondstate).

WALDEN POND VISITOR CENTER

Open 10:00am-4:00pm daily - masks required


Exhibits & Art

Thoreau Exhibits and Art Gallery

Come investigate the life and legacy of Henry David Thoreau at Walden Pond through exhibits and activities. Visit the Gallery to enjoy artwork by local artist Richard T. Brady. 


Exploration Station

Snowflake Beauties - all ages

See microscopic images of snowflakes and learn the science of snow at this self-guided display. Choose a snowflake craft or activity to take home. 


Exploration Station

Beavers are Back - all ages

Beavers were once the most prized fur for hat making. Thanks to restoration efforts, beavers are back from the brink of extinction. Learn when they were hats and how Walden's extraordinary engineers create wetlands. 

Exploration Station

Winter Tree Identification Station - all ages

Explore an introduction to winter tree identification. Examine characteristics such as growth form and bark patterns from collected samples of Walden native tree species under a microscope. 

**February
1-11 & 17-28
11:00am-noon**

Thoreau's Stay at Walden - all ages

Peek inside the Thoreau house replica, by the main parking lot, to learn about the poet/naturalist's life in the woods during this 10 minute chat with a park interpreter. In bad weather relocates to Visitor Center. Topics include:

- Thoreau's experiment in simple, deliberate living
- Debunking Thoreau myths
- Former Walden Inhabitants

**Replica
Outdoor
Interpretive
Program**



More self-guided opportunities:

<https://www.mass.gov/location-details/walden-pond-state-reservation-interpretive-programs> or scan code



Walden Pond State Reservation

Department of Conservation and Recreation

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OUTDOOR WALDEN ADVENTURES

**Fridays
February**

4, 18, 25

Saturdays

February

5, 19, 26

Daily

8:00am-

3:00pm

Winter Tree Identification Woods Walk

Meet at the Visitor Center - all ages

1:00-2:00pm

Join a Park Interpreter to learn easy winter tree ID. We will explore local trees to examine characteristics such as tree and bark patterns of our native species. Wear warm clothes and sturdy boots for uneven terrain.

Self-guided StoryWalk®

Family fun on the *Woods Path* trail for all ages

***Snowflake Bentley* by Jacqueline Briggs Martin**

Step into winter to discover the Vermont native who taught us, “no two snowflakes are alike!” This story is posted along the accessible *Woods Path*, an easy 1/2 mile trail on a crushed stone surface, takes 15 minutes each way.

No dogs or bikes on Walden trails.

Ongoing

Self-guided

Activity

Self-guided Scavenger Hunts - all ages

Search for natural and cultural treasures along park trails and landmarks. Ask park staff at the visitor center desk for “seek and find” scavenger hunts for many differing ages, interests and skill levels.

Monday

February 21

Wednesday

February 23

Thursday

February 24

WINTER SCHOOL VACATION PROGRAMS

The Beavers are Back! Hike to Heywood

Meets at the Visitor Center - all ages

1:00-2:30pm

Take a one-mile roundtrip walk with a Park Interpreter to Heywood’s Meadow to search for signs of “nature’s engineers.” Wear boots to walk on uneven winter terrain.

Visitor

Center

Exploration

Stations

Warm & Wild in Walden Winter- all ages

Stop by to see skulls, pelts or artifacts of different animals every week and discover ways Walden animals adapt to survive the cold. Learn which animals hibernate, migrate, or change appearance in winter.

Daily

10:00am-

4:00pm

Rings of Influence Interpre-station

All ages

Stop by the Visitor Center see the growing influence Thoreau’s writing has had upon environmentalists and activists on our giant tree cookie displays. Learn about tree growth. Get a free tree cookie to decorate at home.

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library.

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coming events